

Mrs. Swartwood and daughter, Miss Stella, have moved to St. Louis.

B. G. Eaton of Greeley, Colo., has been visiting E. D. Moore of this city.

Mrs. Harry Householder visited Miss Annie Miller in Kansas City last week.

Rev. C. W. Peer, late of Traxton, is the new pastor of the M. E. church at Laddonia.

T. J. Mills was granted a divorce in the circuit court last week from his wife, Hannah Mills.

Mrs. Wm. Powell went to Kansas City last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bruce.

John B. Graham will most likely be a candidate for County Clerk next year. He is the present efficient assistant in that office.

Mrs. H. H. Crensey, near Mexico, remains in quite ill health.

Mrs. Phil Eaton, near Thompson, has been on the sick list but is now improved.

W. P. Smith and wife, who moved to Mexico last Spring from Arkansas, will move to Montana soon. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Miller of Molino.

Wm. Steele of Booneville, arrived here last week on a visit to relatives and friends. He has a fine position with the water works company in Booneville.

Harry Stocks of this city last week entered the law course in the Chicago University. Harry is a most worthy boy and we expect to see him get to the top.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Howell of Porterville, Cal., are visiting Mrs. Howell's sister, Mrs. Fred Hamilton of Laddonia. The sisters had not seen each other in 34 years.

A box supper was held at Black school house, southeast of Laddonia one night recently, \$50 was raised for the school library. Mrs. Verdia Bowman is the teacher.

H. L. Wakefield of St. Louis visited Mexico relatives last week. Mr. Wakefield is in the employ of Uncle Sam in St. Louis, is city mail carrier, and was taking his vacation.

Eli Gantt and son, Elmer, of Indiana, after a visit to the families of Mrs. G. N. Wales, Green Gantt and Maj. Geo. B. Ramsey, all of or near Mexico, returned home last week.

The Vandalia Korn Carnival takes place October 18, 19 and 20. A. E. Webb is president and C. B. Ellis secretary. Premiums aggregating \$1,000 are offered in the different departments.

A colored policeman received honorable mention and a silver medal by the police department in St. Louis last week. And said colored policeman happens to be a son of E. J. Cooper of this city.

Charles Hubert went to St. Louis last week and thought he would like to hear Dr. Cook tell about finding the North Pole, but the tickets were all gone at \$25 per, and Hubert lost out his chance.

J. W. Hall, who was a candidate for County Collector six years ago and came out second in the race, states that most likely he will be in the race next year. He is a popular fellow and has hosts of friends.

Tom Robnett of Mexico has a fine position with a drug company at Newark, N. J. Tom has been attending the Hudson River-Fulton Centennial and writes home that the crowds attending exceed 2,000,000 people each day.

#### A SAD OCCURRENCE.

##### W. H. Owings Takes His Own Life at Clarkson Hotel.

Wm. H. Owings, with a wife and one child, a little daughter four years of age, drank carbolic acid while at the Clarkson Hotel Sunday afternoon and died from the effects. Brooding over family trouble led him to the act. Lately he had been living at Laddonia. He was an excellent citizen and was held in the highest esteem by his many friends.

William Haskel Owings was born at Moberly, Mo., April 29, 1881. He was a son of A. L. and Alma Owings. His father survives him. The mother died 13 years ago. Four brothers and three sisters survive him, as follows: Hugh, Clyde, Fred and Frank Owings and Mrs. Nina Satterwhite, of Crockett, Texas; Mrs. Edna Havenner, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Wm. Jordon, Mexico, Mo.

The funeral was preached at the home of his grandfather, W. N. Boatman, Tuesday morning, by Rev. J. D. Greer, after which the body was taken to Moberly and interred in Oakland cemetery by the side of his mother.

To the mourners the Message extends deepest sympathy.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and relatives for their many kindnesses and sympathy in our sad trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boatman, A. T. Owings and His Sisters and Brothers.

##### Fry and Shire's Sale.

W. W. Fry and Mike Shire's sale, held Tuesday, south of Mexico, amounted to about \$2,300, and but one note was given. It shows the prosperity of the farmers. Twenty-two acres of corn in the field sold at \$19 an acre, what Mr. Fry paid for the land in 1899. Thirty acres of corn sold at \$12 an acre in the field.

The live stock sold was as follows: One cow, John Burns, \$55; heifer, J. R. Blair, \$17.50; heifer, J. T. Johnson, \$22.75; two steers, Joe Crews, \$55.50; yearling Ortiz Rose colt, R. W. Winn, \$105; two year old draft filly, Frank Buckner, \$150; one mare, Robt. Lockridge, \$80; black mare, F. L. Crosby, \$140; bay mare, J. M. Richardson, \$162.50; gray horse, Robt. Lockridge, \$95; black mare, Robt. Lockridge, \$67.50; sow, Frank Wallace, \$20; boar, Robt. Lockridge, \$18; two white sows, J. M. Richardson, \$31; two sows, Elmer Dicus, \$35; sow, Price Johnson, \$17; sow, J. M. Richardson, \$20.50; sow, Price Johnson, \$18; sow and eight pigs, A. B. Weidner, \$30.25; sow and eight pigs, Henry Kunkel, \$28.75; sow and four pigs, Lee Gregory, \$13.25; sow, Price Johnson, \$10; 10 shoats, Robt. Lockridge, \$66; 20 shoats, R. W. Winn, \$132.50; nine shoats, J. L. O'Brien, \$33.75; 12 shoats, J. L. O'Brien, \$42; 34 ewes, C. O. Blair, \$214.20; 12 ewes, A. F. Blair, \$54; seven lambs, M. F. Harrison, \$16.10; 13 ewes, A. B. Weidner, \$68.90.

Rev. J. W. Keltner of this city has received an unanimous call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Clark and has accepted. He will serve there on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

E. H. Morris, at Modesto, Cal., sends the Message a picture of Judge S. E. Kendall of Mexico and three others, J. N. Cross among them, in an auto. "Four old sports," he calls them, "we gave them the time of their lives while here together."

Don't forget to attend the Great Majestic Range Demonstration at our store, one week, from 18 to 23rd.

Ferris & Cauthorn.

J. S. Kelly of Chenoa, Ill., arrived here last week to look after his farm near Rush Hill.

#### SOME CASH; SOME NEWS.

R. H. Nichols renews for the Message.

M. R. Adkins subscribes for the Message.

C. L. Dowell, at Molino, enrolls as a new Message subscriber.

Miss Sadie Devaney, at Kansas City, sends us a dollar on renewal.

Mrs. Mattie Duty, out on route 1, Mexico, subscribes for the Message.

Mrs. J. J. Browning, at Paris, has our thanks for a renewal favor.

X. P. Ball directs the Message to be sent to him at Perry where he is in business.

Frank Eckler, one of the Message's good friends down near Martinsburg, renews for the paper.

Good-humored, big-hearted Jim Lewellen of Laddonia hands us a dollar on Message subscription renewal.

Earl Baker, near Molino, is attending the Chillicothe Normal and orders the Message to follow him.

J. C. Shryock of Cuba, Ill., subscribes for the Message. He has a fine farm near Farber, this county.

Aug. Knollenburg sends us a dollar and writes: "Please push up my subscription date for another year, as we like to read the news from Audrain."

"Uncle" J. E. Green makes us happy by the presentation of a dollar on subscription. Mr. Green is one of the county's earliest citizens, and a most worthy man he is.

E. B. Scherer is here from St. Louis where he has been since August, nursing his brother thru an illness at the hospital. He subscribes for the Message for a year.

John B. Nevins, of near Thompson, renewed for the Message Monday and Mrs. Charles Land, of Lancaster, Mo., and A. G. Howard, of Moberly, Mo., subscribe for the paper.

J. C. Hagan and wife, of near Rush Hill, attended the Knights of Columbus social and entertainment in Mexico Tuesday night. Mr. Hagan called and renewed for the Message.

C. T. Jesse, of Hereford, Texas, who was here on business, renews for the Message. Mr. Jesse likes Texas but he has a farm near Thompson, this county, which he says is not for sale.

The first man we met when we stepped inside the gates at the State Fair at Sedalia the other day was a Message subscriber, and he had a dollar for us on renewal. It was N. E. Hodge of Saline Co., formerly a citizen of Audrain. "Whether on land or on sea," or far or near, the Message meets its friends.

##### The Saloon Problem.

Judge William H. Wallace, of Kansas City, Mo., will deliver an address at Mexico Monday night, Oct. 18th, at the Court House, opening the initiative and referendum campaign for State-wide prohibition in 1910. The petition will soon be ready and the work of securing signatures will be carried forward rapidly.

Let all people, wet or dry, turn out to hear Judge Wallace. It is intended to have this campaign carried on in a dignified way. Argument is to be met by argument. Facts will be submitted to a candid and interested public. If the open, high license saloon is the best way to handle the liquor problem, that fact, if it is such, is certainly capable of logical demonstration. If the contrary is true, let reason demonstrate.

The question is up and will not down. Let reason, not fanaticism; let argument, not vituperation; let a sincere desire to know the truth and not a desire to cover up the truth, dictate our course. The battle is to be a great one. Let everyone get ready to take an intelligent part.

Very respectfully,  
John W. Million.

#### GASS MAKES SUGGESTIONS.

Replies to H. P. Warden's Inquiries as to Punishing Pupils.

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 12, '09.

Editor The Message:

I am just in receipt of a copy of your paper containing an inquiry signed by Mr. H. P. Warden, directed to me and others with reference to the right of a teacher to punish children for failing to know their lessons. Speaking for myself, I beg to say that I do not believe it is wise or expedient as a rule to punish children for having imperfect lessons. There is great danger of making school hateful and learning distasteful. The child may have done his best. There may be reasons, mental or physical, why he could not do better. He should be encouraged and helped. Punishment usually discourages. The object in having school is that the children may be educated and trained for good citizenship, and that they may make the highest and best use of their powers. If school and school duties are not made attractive the end for which school is established and maintained will be defeated.

There may be mitigated circumstances, however, and parents should not be too ready to criticize and find fault. If teachers are indifferent and allow the children to pass from recitation to recitation with little or no preparation and with small understanding of the subject, they are doing them a great injury and the parents would have just cause for complaint. The children are sent to school to learn. If they fail to do so, teacher and parent should ascertain the cause and apply the right remedy. It is doubtful if punishment is best. There may be cases and times when it would be well to administer mild punishment for neglect or failure to prepare lessons properly. If the child is lazy and indifferent, or if it is stubborn, willful or defiant, punishment may be resorted to but it should never be unusual, excessive or administered in anger.

Many times parents are troubled over how best to deal with their own four or five children. The teacher with twenty to fifty children from many families finds the difficulties greatly multiplied. The teacher oftentimes needs encouragement and never fails to appreciate sympathy or profit by kindly, helpful suggestions. It would be well to have a private talk with the teacher and board, in case of dissatisfaction or misunderstanding, before making public complaint. Intelligent, sympathetic co-operation of teacher, board and patrons in the interest of the children is usually the thing most needed.

Very truly yours,  
Howard A. Gass,  
State Supt. Public Schools.

Judge W. W. Boots united in marriage in this city Monday morning of this week Mr. Edgar Shipley and Miss Edna Coffman, both of Boone county.

Mr. John P. Clark and Miss Nellie Roberts were married in this city the evening of the 7th inst., Rev. H. E. Truex officiating. They will reside in St. Louis.

Judge W. H. Wallace of Kansas City will make a speech in Mexico Oct. 18 on the temperance question at which time the movement will be started to secure signatures by the initiative and referendum for State wide prohibition.

Newt Caldwell, Robert Menefee and Ote Freels were general judges of the displays at the Laddonia Korn Carnival.

Mrs. E. A. Shannon and Mrs. M. F. Horton of this city, visited Mrs. Horton's mother, Mrs. Butler McGee, in Laddonia during the Korn Carnival.

#### A \$10,000 HEN.

Cattle Get Their Hair Combed—Are Above the Common Herd.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 11.—Cattle with their hair combed in marcel waves, chickens that are given a beauty bath each morning and then shown in bowers of pink roses, sheep with their wool curled, horses with ribbons woven in to their manes and tails, mules groomed and carded, and hogs that are given a massage every morning are shown by hundreds at the American loyal live stock show that opened today.

It is the aristocracy of the live stock world that is gathering in the big pavilion at the stock yards.

There is "Peggy," a \$10,000 hen, that has a retinue of servants. She is given a warm bath of castile soap suds each morning, dried with fluffy towels, rinsed off with a bath of soft warm water with a little bluing in it, and then her feathers are starched and combed. Prepared in this manner she is placed in a bower of roses and is ready to receive the public.

Then there is a \$5,000 bull with a back as broad as the tonneau of a motor car. Three men valets spend an hour in giving him his bath and combing his hair into the most beautiful marcel waves. After that his white horns are rubbed and polished with wax. There are Shropshire sheep that curling irons are used upon. They appear to know, too, that they are above the common herd.

##### Dr. Brown Dead.

Dr. A. F. Brown, president of the Citizens Bank at Wentzville, died suddenly last Sunday morning of acute indigestion.

Deceased formerly lived at Laddonia and built the second brick business house in that town. For a number of years he resided on a farm southeast of Perry and at one time lived on a farm in Callaway county, north of Shamrock. He was possessed of considerable wealth.

Deceased was 71 years of age. He is survived by his wife and three children. The children are: J. H. Brown, of Laddonia; John Brown, of Wentzville, and Mrs. Frank Fry, of St. Louis.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church in Laddonia yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace of Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller at Hollensville entertained relatives from Boone county the latter part of the week and over Sunday.

After a visit with her brother, Wm. Wilfley and family, at Hollensville, Mrs. Wallace Pearson returned Monday to her home in Mexico.

Buy a range with a reputation, and take advantage of our Free Offer during our Demonstration Week, Oct. 18 to 23.

Ferris & Cauthorn.

Col. Green Clay and John Beal of Mexico and Judge G. W. Batterton of Sturgeon represented Audrain county at the Deep Waters Convention at Sedalia last Thursday. A considerable interest was aroused. Gov. Hadley presided and made an address and there was speech-making and business thru the greater part of the day. An organization was formed, and Judge Batterton was nominated for vice-president for this Congressional district. A movement was started for the reclamation of the overflow lands along the Missouri River thru Missouri and at the same time it will be sought to deepen the channel of the river for larger steamboat traffic.

Mary Gertrude Jones has been granted divorce from her husband, S. P. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner of Santa Anna, Cal., are visiting Mr. Turner's father here, W. H. Turner.

#### "HELLO BILL."

The B. P. O.'s Form State Organization Here.

About 15 representatives from different parts of the State met in Mexico Tuesday to form a State Association.

A. H. Whitney, Exalted Ruler of the Mexico lodge, called the meeting to order and made a speech favoring the plan. Mayor E. D. Graham made a few remarks, welcoming the representatives to Mexico.

Temporary organization was gone into at once. The committee on permanent organization reported the following nominations, who were elected:

President, N. M. Vaughn, St. Louis; first vice-president, E. C. Orr, Chillicothe; second vice-president, J. W. Mellor, Sedalia; third vice-president, D. Webb, St. Joseph; secretary, G. C. Marquess, Lexington; treasurer, R. G. Sanders, Maryville; sergeant-at-arms, F. O. Klass, Kirksville; door keeper, L. Harschman, Poplar Bluff; chaplain, E. D. Graham, Mexico; trustee, three years, M. A. Dempsey, Cape Girardeau; trustee, two years, Hamp Rothwell, Columbia; trustee, one year, H. J. Baine, Trenton.

The visitors were delighted with their visit to Mexico and unanimously decided that their first annual convention should be held here, in 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter are home from a four months' visit at Boise, Idaho.

##### Mayor Graham's Impressions.

Mayor E. D. Graham and wife attended the Centennial celebration in St. Louis last week, when the thousand Mayors were present. Mr. Graham writes the St. Louis Republic regarding his impressions of St. Louis and the treatment accorded the visiting Mayors as follows:

The entertainment accorded the visiting Mayors in St. Louis during the Centennial celebration was simply grand and perfect in city and the people are a great city and the people are a great people. The hospitality for which St. Louis is noted was never more in evidence than on this occasion. The city seemed in perfect harmony, and nothing was left undone to entertain the guests.

We are indebted to the Business Men's League for special courtesies. We sat upon the platform when Doctor Cook told his marvelous story of the discovery of the north pole. We are also indebted to the civic leagues, the Merchant's Exchange, Governor Francis, the United Railways Co. and all the telephone and telegraph companies.

I believe St. Louis has a great future, and such courtesies as were extended by all of her people certainly will not detract from her world-renowned hospitality.

I presume that never since the days of the World's Fair has St. Louis had such a crowd. The manner in which the crowd was handled was almost perfect, which reflects much credit on the city's Police Department.

The celebration was a great advertisement for St. Louis, and will undoubtedly bring results, not only in the present, but years to come.

E. D. Graham.

Mexico, Mo., Oct. 12.

Heating stoves, the kind that keep hot fire and wear. See the long line of heaters we have on display.

Ferris & Cauthorn.

Dr. J. P. Wood, well known in Molino neighborhood, is practicing osteopathy in St. Louis.

D. J. Detienne was granted a divorce last week from Mattie Detienne, and defendant appeals.

A. M. Trimble and wife left Tuesday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the winter.

The City Council has donated \$50 toward charity.

George Basinger, near Laddonia, sports a new automobile.

Mrs. Wm. Goodson of near Benton City is reported very ill.

The McMillan foot ball team went down to Montgomery City Monday to play the high school team of that town and met defeat, the score standing 6 to 0.

Rev. W. M. White and wife, Mrs. L. P. Crigler and Mrs. Denham are in attendance at the Centennial of the Christian church at Pittsburgh, Pa., as delegates from the Mexico church.

The City Council has an ordinance on its passage prohibiting the planting of more than two trees on the park way in front of any 60 foot lot. It is a good proposition. Too many shade trees along the streets in Mexico.

The case of William E. Muse, of Chicago, against Martha A. Martin, of Brownwood, Tex., and John W. Martin, of Martinsburg, Mo., involving a large acreage of land in this county, has been amicably settled among the parties and all the differences between them adjusted. Mr. Muse gets judgment for \$24,024.45 and takes the Audrain lands as a credit thereon for \$15,000.

#### CHICAGO & ALTON RY.

TIME TABLE  
(In effect Nov. 1, 1908.)

EAST BOUND—		Leave
No. 24 "Early Bird" to St. Louis	.....	2:15 a.m.
No. 12 "Fast Express" for Peoria, Springfield and Chicago	.....	2:30 a.m.
No. 26 "Night Hawk" to St. Louis	.....	4:19 a.m.
No. 32 Local Passenger to Roodhouse and South	.....	7:30 a.m.
No. 14 Mo. State Express for Peoria, Springfield and Bloomington	.....	2:00 p.m.
No. 22 "Red Flyer" to St. Louis	.....	3:50 p.m.
No. 212 Local passenger to Louisiana	.....	8:45 p.m.
No. 10 "Red Hummer" to Jacksonville and Chicago	.....	10:42 p.m.
WEST BOUND—		
No. 23 "Early Bird" to Kansas City	.....	1:06 a.m.
No. 25 The "Night Hawk" to Kansas City	.....	2:52 a.m.
No. 9 "The Red Hummer" to Kansas City	.....	3:07 a.m.
No. 11 Fast Express to Kansas City	.....	6:45 a.m.
No. 193 Except Sunday Local freight to Slater	.....	7:10 a.m.
No. 211 Local passenger to Jefferson City	.....	7:30 a.m.
No. 21 The "Red Flyer" to Kansas City	.....	12:45 p.m.
No. 15 "Missouri State Express" for Kansas City	.....	1:37 p.m.
No. 212 Daily Jefferson City Accommodation	.....	2:00 p.m.

JEFFERSON CITY BRANCH.  
South Bound—Departs  
No. 213 daily Jefferson City mail  
..... 7:30 a.m.  
No. 211 Except Sunday Jefferson City accommodation  
..... 12:00 p.m.

JEFFERSON CITY BRANCH.  
From the South—  
No. 210 Except Sun. Jefferson City Mail  
..... 1:25 p.m.  
No. 212 Daily Jefferson City Accommodation  
..... 2:40 p.m.

E. F. MATHEWS,  
Tkt. Agt., Mexico, Mo.

#### WABASH

TIME TABLE  
(Effective June 29, '09.)  
EAST BOUND.

No. 4, For St. Louis and points East.		Leave
No. 14, For St. Louis and points East.	.....	2:48 a.m.
No. 30, St. Louis Accommodation.	.....	4:15 a.m.
No. 20, St. Paul-St. Louis Limited.	.....	7:37 a.m.
No. 2, Colorado-St. Louis Limited.	.....	10:33 a.m.
No. 12, St. Louis Express.	.....	2:40 p.m.
No. 72, Local Freight.	.....	7:03 p.m.
No. 72, Local Freight.	.....	12:11 p.m.

WEST BOUND.

No. 1, For Kansas City, Omaha, Ottumwa and Des Moines.		Leave
No. 7, For Kansas City and points West.	.....	12:04 a.m.
No. 13, Moberly Accommodation.	.....	2:23 a.m.
No. 3, For Kansas City, Council Bluffs, Ottumwa and Des Moines.	.....	11:33 a.m.
No. 9, Colorado-St. Paul Limited.	.....	12:11 p.m.
No. 51, Moberly Accommodation.	.....	5:21 p.m.
No. 51, Moberly Accommodation.	.....	5:47 p.m.
No. 73, Local Freight.	.....	10:38 a.m.

(\*Daily Except Sunday)  
J. D. McNAMARA  
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I. M. RICHARDS,  
Agent Mexico & Mo.